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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace Claims 3-16 as follows.

3.(Amended) The liposome according to claim 1, wherein a molar ratio of said acidic compound is 0.5 to 30 mol% of total liposome membrane constituents.

4. (Amended) The liposome according to claim 1, wherein said basic compound is represented by any one of the following Formulae 1 to 4: